

No. R-75. House concurrent resolution honoring former Pittsfield Town Clerk Patty Haskins for her exemplary municipal public service.

(H.C.R.57)

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, Patty Haskins was educated at Rutgers University's Douglas College, where she received a teaching degree, but she decided to try alternative employment first, and

Whereas, the New Jersey resident moved to Vermont and began a 13-year stint working in the ski industry, and

Whereas, Patty Haskins met her husband, Vern, a Killington Ski Resort employee whom she married in 1985, and in 1986 they purchased the house next to the Pittsfield town office building, and

Whereas, in 1991, Gene Martin, then referred to as the unofficial mayor of Pittsfield, suggested to Patty Haskins that she serve as town clerk, and

Whereas, Patty Haskins acceded to Gene Martin's suggestion, and

Whereas, the voters of Pittsfield followed Gene Martin's recommendation and selected Patty Haskins as their new town clerk, and

Whereas, that decision proved one of historic importance as it inaugurated a 27-year tenure that won consistent praise, and

Whereas, Patty Haskins enjoyed both the mundane and unusual inquiries that the public posed to her in hopes of informative and helpful responses, and

Whereas, Pittsfield's historic records, dating back to the town's establishment in 1781, were a matter of special pride to Patty Haskins, and she carefully maintained these vital documents, and

Whereas, at the other end of the historical spectrum, Patty Haskins was on duty in 1996 when the town purchased its first computer, ending the need for her to manually create every tax bill, and

Whereas, when Tropical Storm Irene struck and devastated Pittsfield in 2011, she successfully collaborated with other town officials in a heroic effort to address the immediate aftermath and simultaneously document all key actions that were taken, and

Whereas, in August 2018, Patty Haskins decided to conclude her 27-year tenure as Pittsfield Town Clerk, and she was honored at the town's annual picnic with a colorful banner that read "Thank You Patty" and a cake resembling the town's welcome sign, and a new granite bench, located outside the Pittsfield town office building, is inscribed in her honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Pittsfield Town Clerk Patty Haskins for her exemplary municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Patty Haskins and to the Pittsfield Town Clerk.